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Keeping up with

CASAS Summer Institute slated for June

The twentieth annual CASAS National Summer Institute will be held June 20-22 in San Diego. The Institute is designed for anyone currently using or interested in implementing CASAS in employment preparation, welfare reform, workforce development, ABE, ESL, business and industry, adult secondary, citizenship, family literacy, correctional education, homeless education, and special needs programs.

The millennium Institute will address key issues in developing and implementing assessment systems and accountability linked to national and state content and performance standards. Professional development training modules for program administrators and instructional staff will be presented and online training opportunities will be demonstrated. Panels will address state and local program models for evaluating learner and program progress outcomes. Presentations include national and state research studies in assessment, accountability, standards setting, certification, and program evaluation.

Advance registration (by April 3) is \$295 and steps up to \$475 after May 30. For information contact Jennifer Miller (800) 255-1036, ext. 331; Amy Egan (800) 255-1036, ext. 352; www.casas.org

Fast answers via forums

The CASAS Web site boasts a new Forum section that you can use to share ideas and get answers to questions regarding the CASAS system. There are four separate discussion areas: CASAS Main Forum, TOPSpro Forum, California Forum, and a Special Work Groups Forum. Recent topics include retention for post-testing, level gains and jumps, accuracy range for gains, and much more.

To access the forums, go to www.casas.org and click on "The CASAS Forum" in the navigation bar on the left. Then click on the left navigation bar entitled "Click Here for Forums Help" to access a short tutorial that shows how to effectively use this helpful tool.

You will need a username and password to use the forums — you'll be prompted to choose them the first time you click on a forum.

CASAS collaborates with El Paso Workforce Development Board

The two organizations are working together in a four-step process to ensure that dislocated workers receive appropriate training and job placement. The first step is to identify clients' basic skill levels by capturing CASAS reading, math and listening test scores for each worker who seeks services at the El Paso Private Industry Council.

This will help the case manager and client choose the appropriate basic skills training. Next, clients' interests are matched with the El Paso job market. The third step involves conducting job task analyses at companies to determine basic skill levels required for El Paso employers and training providers. These analyses are being compiled into a database of priority competencies by job, which can be used by case managers, training providers, and schools. Finally, training providers will be trained to adapt curriculum to prepare clients for job readiness by integrating lesson plans that address the job basic skill analysis data.

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NAEA 2000 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 29 – 31, 2000

Hotel San Remo, 115 E. Tropicana. Las Vegas, NV

Conference Registration

NAME: _____

Title: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Make All Checks or Purchase Orders Payable to: NAEA

Fax or Mail Registration no later than March 7, 2000 to:

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CONFERENCE FEES		
	\$95 NAEA Conference Fee	
	\$60 Adult Student Conference Fee	
	\$18 NAEA Membership (April 2000 – April 2001)	
	\$20 MPAEA Membership (May 2000 – May 2001)	
	\$10 Optional Activity – Tour of the Strip– includes beverages and Hors D'oeuvres	
	TOTAL AMOUNT:	

Included in Registration Fee: Conference Handouts, 3 Continental Breakfasts, NAEA Luncheon, NAEA Awards Banquet, special entertainment, and special treatment!

Room Reservations: You may reserve a room at the Hotel San Remo, 115 East Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89109-7304 by calling 800-522-7366 and stating you are with the Nevada Adult Education Association Conference. A block of 50 rooms has been reserved. Conference rate is \$59.00 per night based on single or double occupancy (state rate is not available so we encourage you to share rooms). **You must make your room reservations prior to March 1, 2000;** after that date, the room rate MAY NOT be available. ***Airport Shuttle:*** Public shuttle service is available from the McCarran Airport directly to the hotel. Cab fare is approximately \$10.00.

For further information: Contact Martin Bauer at Truckee Meadows Community College (775) 829-9030 or by E-mail at mbauer@tmcc.edu

Literate Nevada ... Literate Communities

—Vicki D. Newell, Project Director, 775/356-1007

One thousand one, one thousand two, one thousand thr ... No, this is not a defensive driver counting distance to the car ahead, nor is it an insomniac counting sheep. It is however, the type of accuracy we need in getting a “complete count” for Nevada in Census 2000.



Federal funds are generally allocated on a “per cap” formula — so many dollars per person in a given state. Adult Basic Education dollars are “per cap” dollars —Nevada is given \$X amount based on the number of persons (regardless of status) living in the state at the time the census is taken. Nevada has experienced tremendous growth since the 1990 Census. In fact, in the majority of years over the past ten, Nevada was the fastest growing state in our nation. Think in these terms:

- Folks have been movin’ into Clark County at the rate of 4,000 a month since 1982 and only 175 a month have been movin’ out. That’s 45,900 a year times ten! That’s a lot of folks!
- Reno’s hidden valleys, once peaceful homes for cows are now full of houses — homes for living, breathing people.
- Ten years ago, you took a windy two-lane road to Pahrump. Today, the city is vying to be Nye County’s seat of government and hosts a population base that requires a four-lane road to accommodate commuter traffic.
- Henderson has become our state’s second most populated city.

Yes, Nevada’s got a few more folks than it did when the last fed formula was determined, and they **ALL** need to be counted — every single soul ... those in apartments, those in houses, those in planned communities, those in shelters. ...

WHY? A “complete count” for Nevada means more funding for programs like Adult Basic Ed..

HOW? By encouraging our students and their family members (regardless of status) to fill out the census form! By explaining to our students that census information is kept confidential for 72 years and there is punishment for betrayal of this confidentiality — \$1,000 to \$20,000 fines or prison! Census information can only be provided, even to other government agencies, in ***aggregates*** (new vocabulary word for ESL intermediate students, who in turn can explain to beginning students).

WHEN? Beginning mid-March 2000, census questionnaires will be delivered to every household. April 1, 2000 is Census Day. Don’t fool around, have a special day when students and their families can receive information about the census at their “safe place” — their ABE class!



TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA

March 29-31, 2000

Hotel San Remo, Las Vegas, NV

Tuesday March 28, 2000:

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Registration and Hospitality

Wednesday, March 29, 2000:

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Plenary: Keynote Speaker

10:30 a.m. – Noon

Planning the Future of the NAEA

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

NAEA Business Meeting & Luncheon

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

5:00 p.m. – until ???

Play in Las Vegas — On your own

Thursday, March 30, 2000:

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Visit the Vendors — Shopping

Spree

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

6:30 p.m. – until ???

NAEA Annual Awards Dinner

Friday, March 31, 2000

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Meet the Candidates Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

WIA One-Stops: How they work; how to get involved

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Closing Ceremony



*What have
you learned?*

*I've learned that you
shouldn't go through life
with a catcher's mitt on
both hands. You need
to be able to throw
something back.—Age 64*

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